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H.B. No. 120

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of military specialty license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e-1) Other than license plates issued under Subsection (h), license plates issued under this section to a person also entitled to license plates issued under Section 504.308, 504.315, ~~or~~ 504.316, or 504.319 may, at the request of the person, include one emblem from the other license plates to which the person is entitled.

SECTION 2. Section 504.301, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Section 504.702 does not apply to a specialty license plate issued under this subchapter.

SECTION 3. Section 504.315(a), Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 709 (H.B. 559), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Bronze Star Medal and Bronze Star Medal with Valor. License plates issued under this subsection must include the Bronze Star Medal emblem and must include the words "Bronze Star Medal" at the bottom of each plate. License plates issued under this subsection to recipients of the Bronze Star Medal with Valor

1 that are not personalized must also include the letter "V" as a
2 prefix or suffix to the numerals on each plate. [~~Section 504.702~~
3 ~~does not apply to license plates authorized by this subsection.~~]

4 SECTION 4. Section 504.315(a), Transportation Code, as
5 added by Chapter 460 (S.B. 1755), Acts of the 82nd Legislature,
6 Regular Session, 2011, is redesignated as Section 504.315(b),
7 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

8 (b) [~~(a)~~] The department shall issue specialty license
9 plates for recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal. License
10 plates issued under this subsection must include the Distinguished
11 Service Medal emblem and the words "Distinguished Service Medal" at
12 the bottom of each plate. [~~Section 504.702 does not apply to~~
13 ~~license plates authorized by this subsection.~~]

14 SECTION 5. Section 504.315(h), Transportation Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (h) The department shall issue special license plates for
17 recipients of the Silver Star Medal. License plates issued under
18 this subsection must include the Silver Star Medal emblem and must
19 include the words "Silver Star Medal" at the bottom of each
20 plate. [~~Section 504.702 does not apply to license plates~~
21 ~~authorized by this subsection.~~]

22 SECTION 6. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,
23 is amended by adding Section 504.319 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 504.319. DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS.
25 The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients
26 of the Defense Superior Service Medal. License plates issued under
27 this section must include the words "Defense Superior Service

1 Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

2 SECTION 7. Section 681.008(b), Transportation Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) A vehicle on which license plates described by
5 Subsection (a)(2) or issued under Section 504.202, 504.315,
6 [~~Section 504.315(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h), or Section~~]
7 504.316, or 504.319 are displayed is exempt from the payment of a
8 parking fee collected through a parking meter charged by a
9 governmental authority other than a branch of the federal
10 government, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

11 (1) the person who registered the vehicle under
12 Section 504.202(a), 504.315, [~~Section 504.315(a), (c), (d), (e),~~
13 ~~(f), (g), or (h), or Section~~] 504.316, or 504.319;

14 (2) a person described in Section 504.202(b) if the
15 vehicle is registered under that subsection; or

16 (3) the owner or operator of a vehicle displaying
17 license plates described by Subsection (a)(2).

18 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.